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Industrial Waste
Cerro Metal Products Company
EPA-TAT Draft Sampling Plan
Spring Township, Centre County

Mr. Alex Speicher
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Dear Mr. Speicher:

This letter is in reply to the draft sampling plan for the Cerro Metal Products Company which you faxed me on March 14, 1993. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has reviewed this plan and basically agree with its scope and content considering the amount of money and resources that can be expended to conduct this type of work as explained by Bill Steuterville of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at our February 16, 1993 meeting at the Pleasant Gap Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission office. We are pleased with the scope and content of this draft sampling plan and feel it will provide beneficial information and better identification of possible discharge and contamination areas on the Cerro property and Logan Branch. We are extremely interested in the sediment sampling and results which will be obtained from the unnamed tributary to the Logan Branch which the Cerro wastewater treatment facility discharges to.

If more funds and resources could be made available to conduct sampling, we would offer that some grid-type soil boring and sampling be conducted in the north yard (an area where PCBs were historically stored, released and disposed of) as well as the area adjacent to the Cerro wastewater treatment plant where heavy metal sludge was historically stored on the ground surface for years (PADER sampling revealed this sludge at one time to contain PCBs). We would also offer that grid-type soil sampling and some ground-water sampling be conducted at the melt areas of Plant 4 if funds are available. (The PADER suspects this to be an area of Cerro property in which PCBs are being released to Logan Branch).

I would appreciate you contacting me approximately one week prior to conducting this sampling so that we can make arrangements to observe some of your sampling and decontamination procedures. Also, with the extensive work my staff has conducted on the Logan Branch adjacent to Cerro property, we feel we may be able to assist you in determining sample locations and showing you specific problem areas which we have previously identified.

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If you have any questions at all concerning this letter, please contact me at 717-727-2651.

Very truly yours,

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